

September 2, 2017

Dear Members of Pinon Park Pool Association,

On behalf of the Pinon Park Pool Association Board of Directors, I thank all of you – long-term members who have stuck by us as we have navigated a difficult period, previous members who have rejoined after seasons away, and our new members joining us in 2017 – for your outstanding support this season; the board acknowledges all of you as valued members of our Pinon Park Pool Association (PPPA) community. You have all contributed to making 2017 a successful season for PPPA, and we hope you have enjoyed the pool as much as we have!

After a few difficult years, 2017 has been a year of rebuilding for PPPA. With the sale of the PPPA property in February, the Association was relieved of a long-standing debt, has continued with improvements that started with installation of the new pump in 2016, and has set aside funds toward replacing the original, aging and inefficient, fifty-plus-year-old heater. Members from 2016 have probably noticed how much quieter the new pump runs with the newly installed, variable-speed controller on it. The Certified Pool Operators (CPO), Rod Christensen and Jeremy Goettee, have, with constant monitoring by the dedicated lifeguards, maintained good water quality and kept the pool chemicals balanced, resulting in crystal-clear water. Monique Eliseo, the Public Relations chair, has done a phenomenal job of promoting the pool. PPPA membership has grown to 103! – a significant increase from last year when the prices were higher and people did not realize the pool had a new pump.

Whilst our membership numbers are heading in the right direction, we're still looking to grow our membership base to support further upgrades to the pool and extended hours of operation. Word-of-mouth is the most effective way for us to gain new members, so it's never too soon to tell your neighbors and friends how much you enjoy being a member of Pinon Park Pool. Memberships are for one year, and if one starts setting aside funds now, the payment of the annual fee is not as difficult to make. (Memberships became annual, rather than lifetime, memberships in 2006.) PPPA provides great-value membership, being amongst the least expensive outdoor pool memberships offered in Los Alamos County. We hope to provide another fantastic swim season next year as we continue to rebuild our membership base.

The 2017 pool staff included many new faces, and was a first-time job for many of our employees, thus lots of training has taken place. We are happy to provide this valuable learning experience to the kids and to watch the year-to-year progress and advancement of returning employees. The staff of 10 lifeguards and 5 basket-room attendants has done well at keeping the pool an appealing refuge from the ninety-degree weather experienced this summer. Look for their pictures on the entry hall wall.

The pool will close for the 2017 season the evening of September 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, after fourteen weeks of great swimming (as weather permitted) after opening on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

And with the end of the swim season comes **PPPA's Annual Meeting of the Members, which will be held on the pool deck of Pinon Park Pool at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017.** If necessary, **rain date will be the next Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>,** same place and time.

Members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, to be updated on and discuss the financial status of the pool and proposed improvements, to discuss and vote on the proposed changes to the PPPA Bylaws, and to elect Board members. There will be at least 3 openings on the Board of Directors. We encourage all

members to consider joining the Board; it provides you an opportunity to have your say in the running of your pool, to utilize or develop your professional skills, and above all, to give back to the PPPA community. Please notify the Board at [ppp-board@pinonpool.com](mailto:ppp-board@pinonpool.com) if you would like to be a candidate for the Board. Compensation for serving as a Director is unlimited guest passes while serving on the Board.

While everyone listed on the memberships is encouraged to come to the meeting and participate in the discussion, each membership has the power of one vote. Exercise your membership privilege to vote and have a voice at the Annual Membership Meeting!

Immediately after the Membership meeting, returning and newly elected Board members will meet briefly to elect officers and schedule their first Board meeting.

Also immediately following the Membership meeting, the **Closing Work Party will commence at 10:00 a.m.** Many hands will be needed to help winterize the pool, which involves dismantling deck furniture, sunshades, slides, handrails, pool toys, etc. and storing them inside the building. **The work day will end at about 5:00.** Please come help out as your schedule allows.

We will also need many hands this fall to paint the inside of the pool and to put the winter cover on the pool after it's been refilled with water. Stay tuned for dates and times.

See you September 16th!

Sincerely,

*Leilani Christensen*

Leilani Christensen, PPPA Board of Directors President

Attachment: Agenda for PPPA 2017 Membership Meeting